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REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 4, and

cancelled claim 6. Specifically, claim 4 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 6.

No new matter has been added. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter being recited

by claims 1-3 and 6. As rejected claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of

claim 6, thereby rendering claim 4, and all dependent claims thereon, allowable, it is respectfully

submitted that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

Having responded to all open issues set forth in the Office Action, it is respectfully

submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is

hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to

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